THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Action to strengthen performance of Central Public Sector Enterprises to reduce inefficiency and resultant losses is a continuous process undertaken by the respective administrative Ministries and Departments of the enterprises concerned. Some of the principal measures comprise financial re-structuring, re-organisation, modernisation of technology and voluntary retirement schemes. One of the recent measures undertaken is the introduction of the scheme of Memorandum of Understanding which confers greater autonomy on the PSEs, simultaneously with accountability. It is progressively expected to cover more and more public sector enterprises under this scheme.

(b) Government have no specific policy for private participation in the equity of Central Public Sector Enterprises.

Talks between VHP and AIBMAC on Ayodhya Dispute

*55. DR. Z. A. AHMED:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fourth round of talks between Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and All India Babri Masjid Action Committee was held on 6th February, 1991 to solve the Ayodhya Dispute;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any solution has been found during the discussions and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The fourth round of talks between the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (V.H.P.) and the All India Babri Masjid Action Committee (AIBMAC) on the Ram Janam Bhoomi-Babri Masjid issue was held on the 6th February, 1991. The talks between the two parties were held in a cordial atmosphere and both the parties expressed their view points on the issue. It was resolved in the meeting that the Government would compare the documents presented by the parties with the originals and attest their genuineness. It was further resolved that both the parties would submit their viewpoints, experts opinion and the analysis of the view/evidence of each other to the Government at an early date. Both the parties have also agreed that they would cooperate with the Government on any point of clarifications sought for on the issue.

Grant of Industrial Licences for export oriented units

*56. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications for industrial licences, which are wholly export oriented pending with the department for more than six months—item-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for not granting licences in the above cases so far; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to grant those licences at the earliest in view of the tight position of our foreign exchange reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI (KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) During the calendar years 1987 to 1990, 1908 applications were received for grant of Industrial approvals under 100 per cent Export Oriented Undertakings Scheme. During the same period 922 Letters of Intent/Letters of Permission have been issued and 844 cases have been rejected. However, 29 applications are at various stages of processing for a period more than 6 months. Details of pending applications are not divulged till the Government have taken a final decision thereon. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to dispose of all Industrial Licence applications as expeditiously as possible.